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### WEST DERBYSHIRE AGAIN IN LINE

Marquis of Hartington Rescues the Family's Hereditary Seat in Commons From Liberals

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Marquis of Hartington was victorious in the West Derbyshire by-election yesterday. The vote was as follows: Marquis of Hartington, Conservative, 13,419; W. C. Mallinson, Liberal, 11,948. This is a Conservative gain.

The by-election was caused by the death of the retiring member, C. F. White, Liberal, who was a candidate in the recent general election, but died shortly before polling day.

The West Derbyshire seat was held by members of the Cavendish family for nearly two centuries until 1918, when the late Charles F. White secured it for the Liberal Party by defeating Lord Kerry, a brother of the Duke of Devonshire. White was re-elected in the general election of 1922, when the Marquis of Hartington, son of the Duke of Devonshire, was an unsuccessful candidate for the seat. Now the Marquis has redeemed West Derbyshire.

Threatened Von Kahr  
MUNICH, Dec. 20.—A Baron vom Kahr, who has been arrested here on the charge of threatening the life of Dr. von Kahr, the military dictator, is said to have confessed that he intended to shoot von Kahr.

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### "LOST ILLUSIONS" AND TOOK LIFE

PATETIC STORY OF WINNIPEG GIRL-SUICIDE IN DETROIT

Sent Christmas Greetings to Mother, Sisters and Brothers, Then Drank Carbolic Acid

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—"I have lost my illusions; I am not sorry. They were without value, and only fools regret the loss of worthless haubles. Life is nothing. It victimizes both men and women. Love is nothing. It victimizes the women."

"Death is the only adventure worth while to those who have lived. Let those who have not lived be in fear of death. I, who have lived, wish only to die. Oh, what a thrill it will give me."

Miss Frances Stoke, pretty twenty-two-year-old Winnipeg girl, awaiting trial for deportation, declared her philosophy yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Evelyn Taylor, of 1504 Chen Street, with whom she had made her home for four days.

At night, Miss Stoke went to a nearby drug store where she purchased a bottle of carbolic acid behind the closed doors of her room. She died almost immediately.

She took them to her apartment, wrote "Merry Xmas" greetings on them to her mother, her sisters and her brothers in Winnipeg, and mailed them.

Fifteen minutes later she drank a bottle of carbolic acid behind the closed doors of her room. She died almost immediately.

Miss Stoke's past was a mystery to Mrs. Taylor. "I met her in a restaurant four days ago," she said. "I was struck with her appearance. She told me she had come to Detroit only recently, and had not been able to obtain work. She was the kind of girl one instinctively trusts. I invited her to come and live with me until she could get employment."

Irish Senator Dead  
DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Dr. Lambert Hayes, former president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and a member of the Irish Senate, died at his home here today. Dr. Hayes was born in New Zealand, and was seventy-three years old.



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## MR. M'ADOO IS FOE OF TAMMANY

Powerful New York Political Ring Will Oppose Ex-President's Son-in-Law in Coming Presidential Contest

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MR. WILLIAM G. M'ADOO, son-in-law of President Wilson, who will make a fight for election in the White House. He has offered himself for the Democratic nomination following long conference with party leaders.

BY BEN DEACON, Canadian Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The feature of the preliminary campaign for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States will likely be a bitter and spectacular fight over the candidature of William Gibbs McAdoo, son-in-law of ex-President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury in the Wilson Cabinet. The battle lines are already drawn, and both armies are now busy "digging in" for the coming encounter. On the one side are McAdoo and his supporters, and on the other the Tammany tiger and the friends of that dangerous political feline.

That means it will be McAdoo against the field. The Democratic "Bosses," who are hostile to McAdoo, are out to beat him. Anything rather, anybody—to beat McAdoo is their battle cry. They are not likely to waste much effort in becoming the stock of any one particular opposition candidate; at least, they will concentrate on no one man for a national pre-convention campaign. They will confine their energies to preparation for fighting the McAdoo faction in the national convention. For this purpose they will encourage the aspirations of as many others in as many different parts of the country as possible, and strive to secure control of a sufficient number of delegates to make the nomination of McAdoo impossible. If they succeed in blocking the McAdoo delegates, anything may happen. The selection of a "dark horse" for the nomination will then be a very likely possibility.

"The One Great Figure"

The cue for McAdoo's entrance in the great United States political drama was given by David I. Rockwell, of Ohio. The cue-line uttered by Rockwell was: "Mr. McAdoo is the one great figure now available to nominate him and to elect him to the Presidency." Whereupon McAdoo stepped out upon the stage and made his 1924 bow.

Rockwell is an astute campaigner, and is possessed of keen political judgment. He was pre-convention leader of the James M. Cox campaign in 1920. Cox won the Democratic nomination, but was defeated in the election by Warren G. Harding, the Republican nominee. The Ohio leader set the stage carefully for his presentation of McAdoo. He spent several months in canvassing the sentiment of party leaders in various States. Then he arranged for a delegation of prominent Democrats to wait upon McAdoo and urge him to announce his candidacy for nomination. McAdoo demanded time to satisfy himself that his services were really required by his party. While he was presumably struggling with this problem, Rockwell came out with his "one great figure" statement, claiming he had assurance of Democratic support for McAdoo in more than forty States.

Houses Dislike Him

The Houses of the Democratic party organizations in New Jersey, Illinois and Indiana are the chief allies of Tammany in the warfare against McAdoo. Their hostile attitude is due largely to McAdoo's relation to Wilson, who, when he was President, did not defer in the matter of patronage as much as they thought a Democratic president ought to do. They dislike McAdoo for his father-in-law's sake; they also dislike him on his own account, for when he was Secretary of the Treasury he shared Wilson's attitude toward Tammany. It was during McAdoo's incumbency that the Federal Reserve system and the Farm Loan system were

started and the income tax machinery installed. This meant that he had an immense number of appointments to make. There were many jobs—nice juicy plum jobs—that should have gone to the faithful, but they went to the efficient instead. In selecting his personnel McAdoo is said to have held but little heed to the recommendations of the manipulators of the party machine. Thus he incurred their enmity.

In the Democratic convention a two-thirds vote of the delegates is necessary to win the Presidential nomination. There will be 1,984 delegates to the 1924 convention, which means that McAdoo will need 795 to win. Conversely, Tammany and its allies will need 365 to prevent him from winning. Whether they can secure this preventive blow and hold it solid at the convention is a matter of no little speculation at the present time.

Factors in His Favor

There are two big factors in McAdoo's favor: He has a fine record of public service, and he has a personality that will make a strong appeal to the rank and file. He is modest and unassuming, a man of action rather than words. He is an astute politician, but he is not a speculator or floundering in his methods. He is an indefatigable worker, sparing neither himself nor his associates, and if he is chosen as the Democratic standard-bearer he will undoubtedly conduct a strenuous and dignified campaign. He is probably the outstanding man of the Democratic party, both in point of merit and ability. His record is dotted with brilliant achievements.

When McAdoo was a boy his parents, living on a Georgia farm, were reduced to want by the Civil War. William became the "handy man" of the family, doing the farm chores and helping his mother with the housework. Everything the lad did he did well, so well that McAdoo still boasts a surpassing ability to bake biscuits.

The "handy man" of the Georgia farm was destined to play a similar role throughout his career. He was "handy man" for New York City in 1902, when, after others had failed, he solved the problem of driving tunnels under the bed of the Hudson to the Jersey shore and brought the project to a successful conclusion. Later, during his "handy man" for Woodrow Wilson. Although he had taken no active part in politics until 1911, when he became interested in Wilson's candidacy, he became chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1912 and won the election for his man.

His Platform

The McAdoo platform is still rather indefinite. One thing concerning it seems certain; although Wilson has endeavored to thrust the League of Nations controversy forward as an issue of the coming campaign, his son-in-law is not likely to follow his lead. He will not be an isolationist, and he will not advocate United States entrance into the League. In a recent interview he expressed the opinion that the United States should go into Europe to help stabilize their institutions without becoming involved in "entanglements."

On domestic problems he has already made some definite pronouncements. He has declared for better and cheaper transportation for farmers, the encouragement of co-operation in farming, stricter supervision over the railroads, regional grouping of railroads, and a more non-political like William Wilson. He offers a plan for bringing this about. He proposes a long-term bond issue to pay the bonus.

Chicago Is Flooded With Spurious Bills

So Far No Reports Made to Police of Appearance on Pacific Coast of Bogus Tens

Merchants of various cities on the Pacific Coast were warned some days ago to be on the look-out for counterfeit American ten-dollar bills, but so far no attempts, either successful or unsuccessful, have been reported to the police, and it is believed that operators who have been plying their spurious trade in the vicinity of Chicago, have left uninvaded Pacific Coast territory. According to a news dispatch from Chicago, merchants of that city and neighboring towns and cities have had to cope with the greatest flood of bogus money in their experience. Arrests in several cities have failed to check the increasing circulation, and warnings issued by the secret service department have resulted in detecting but a small percentage of the spurious notes.

Because of the expert work of the counterfeiters and the failure of business houses to note the forgery, estimates of the amount of circulation vary from a half million to a million dollars. One bank has reported fifteen cases of spurious notes to the local secret service.

So acute has become the situation that additional investigators have been brought to Chicago to assist in tracing the source of the notes. Two arrests have already been made there, and others in St. Paul, St. Louis and Peoria.

All the notes are of the \$10 denomination of the Chicago branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, series 7-G. The notes bear the picture of Andrew Jackson. On the reverse side they are "off color," having either a lighter or darker shade of green than the genuine notes. Under the seal on the face of the note are the numbers 2-333.

The bills have been reported to the local secret service at the rate of several hundred a day, and nearly every city in the country has reported them.

### Bull in Crockery Shop Is Paralleled

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A steer ran amok yesterday and threw crowds in the theatre district in a panic. The steer had escaped from an abattoir at Fourth Street and Eleventh Avenue. Racing across the city toward Broadway, the steer found an automobile in his path. Putting his head under the car, he toppled it over. In falling the automobile knocked down a woman, but she was only slightly bruised. As the steer was passing Broadway a patrolman fired four bullets into the animal's shoulder, and with the help of several men, forced it into the roadway of a theatre, where it was captured.

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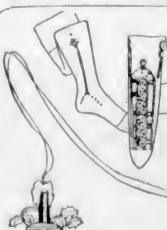
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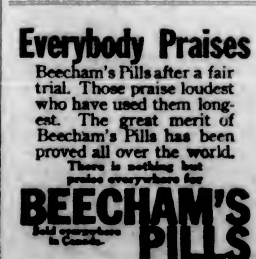
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## CATTLE PLAGUE IS CAUSE OF ACRIMONY

Meeting in Midlands Declares That Slaughter Does Not Stamp Out Dreadful Scourge

CREWE, ENG., Dec. 21.—An acrimonious discussion regarding the foot and mouth disease which is now raging among British herds in many parts of the country, occurred here yesterday at a gathering which was attended by farmers from all over the Midlands.

The meeting was called by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Col. Bromley-Davenport, who declared that the Government's slaughter policy had failed to stamp out this terrible scourge. It was lamentable, he said, to witness the destruction of thousands of England's best dairy stock, but if isolation were introduced, he was afraid it would not have the desired effect. There were cries of "Yes, it will."

Sir Francis Flood, permanent sec-

retary to the Ministry of Agriculture, said the problem baffled the greatest pathologists of the world. He was convinced that slaughter was the only remedy. They could not sit down with folded hands and let the disease rip. If they did, the consequences would be appalling.

A resolution against the slaughter policy was eventually carried by the meeting.

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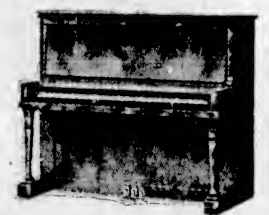
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## ORDERS FORCE PILOT'S HAND

Company's Order Compels the Leviathan's Navigator Against Better Judgment to Proceed in Fog

### BIG SHIP PILES UP ON MUD BANK

Passengers Taken Off by Tugs—Is Refloated After Seven Hours and Then Proceeds to Pier

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Leviathan, pride of the American Merchant Marine, which this morning struck a mud bank off Staten Island, and remained there for about seven hours at five-thirty this afternoon, was refloated after most of her passengers had been landed by ferries and tugs. She proceeded in the dusk to her pier with the remainder of her passengers.

Although Captain Herbert Hartley, in command of the Leviathan, tonight declared he shouldered full responsibility for the grounding of his charge, Captain Joseph Bigley, the pilot, asserted that he and Captain Hartley were bringing the ship up the harbor through the fog, backing the strong ebb tide, against their better judgment and on orders from shore officials of the United States lines.

Other officers corroborated the pilot's statement. They reported that while the Leviathan was waiting at Quarantine for the fog to lift and for the tide to turn so the ship could reach her pier, Hartley was ordered by radio to start for the dock at once.

The order was reported to have come from Thomas H. Rosbottom, general manager of the United States lines.

Confronted with the report concerning this order, the statement of Pilot Bigley, Captain Hartley said he was in full command of the Leviathan and assumed all responsibility for her navigation. It was, however, his belief that he would have had better water and would have been more likely to get into the pier on the high ebb tide if he had waited until 2 or 3 o'clock, starting up the bay, he said.

"But," he said, "there was no interference from shore officials. I merely received the usual docking instructions and was obeying them."

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## MRS. ROOSEVELT TO HEAR OF CITY

SASKATCHEWAN GENTLEMEN ACTS IN HER INTERESTS

Prairie Farmer Sends the Names of Forty-One Friends Desiring to Come to Coast

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, of Oyster Bay, New York, in dispatch of appointing the Winter in Victoria, according to Mr. C. S. Cunningham, of Saskatchewan, who informs the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau by letter.

Mr. Cunningham, who fills the prairie soil in summer and his himself off to milder parts when the crop is garnered, says that he is coming to the coast shortly, as are also many of his friends, for the harvest has been bountiful as seldom before. Not only does he ask for himself the information about the city which he understands from the bureau advertisement is willingly supplied, but he requests information for his friends as well. These, forty-one in number, dwell in widely scattered places, the majority in various parts of the prairies, some in Ontario and others in Uncle Sam's domain.

Among the latter is Mrs. Roosevelt, of Oyster Bay, the home town of the late ex-President of the United States. The request has been duly observed, and Mrs. Roosevelt will shortly receive the descriptive matter which the agricultural gentleman of Saskatchewan declares she wishes to see. The wants of the remaining forty will be attended to in the same manner.

Sale of Work—The Sunshine Club of Victoria will hold a sale of work, both plain and fancy, today, in the Seabrook Young store on Douglas Street, beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds of sale will be given to city charities.

## RADIO



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## ALDERMEN AND OFFICIALS TO DINE TOGETHER

Next Thursday evening Mayor Hayward will give a dinner for the members of the City Council and the heads of the various departments of civic administration.

When the Mayor's father, the late Mr. Charles Hayward, was the city's chief magistrate, it was his custom to entertain the elected representatives and the civic officials at the end of each year, and his son believes that the policy in one constant to the existence of a harmonious spirit.

Municipal politics will be barred as a subject for discussion, declares His Worship. The occasion is to be one of a purely social nature and the programme will be arranged accordingly. A representative of the School Board will be present.

## OBITUARIES

MCKENZIE—The funeral of the late Charles McKenzie, whose death took place on Wednesday, December 19, will take place from McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel (Saturday) morning at 10:30 o'clock. Staff Captain Jaynes will conduct the service, after which the remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

WATSON—Service over the remains of the late Mr. John Adam Watson, was held yesterday afternoon at his residence, by the Rev. Archdeacon Sweet. Many friends were present and the casket and bier were covered with flowers. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. H. Watson, W. Watson, S. McClure, E. Burke Kouchie, W. Church, and J. Grey. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay cemetery.

## STAMP SALES HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Junior Red Cross "Stickers" Enhance the Appearance of Gift Parcels

The Victoria City and District Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society, still has on hand quite a number of the Junior Red Cross Christmas stamps, which are being sold in aid of the Junior Red Cross fund for crippled children.

These stamps are very attractive, and will enhance the appearance of Christmas parcels or letters as well as helping a very worthy cause. They can be obtained at Red Cross headquarters, 318 Belmont House, or at the Red Cross Workshop store, 1105 Government Street, in any quantity at one cent each.

The Junior branch of the society is to be commended on the splendid work they are doing in relieving the suffering of other children less fortunate than themselves, who would otherwise have to go through life handicapped, and always dependant on others.

## COMING EVENTS

Christmas Trees—Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School have arranged to hold their Christmas Tree entertainments next week. Rhelbourne Street school will hold theirs on Thursday evening, and Emmanuel school on Friday. In both cases there will be a supper and a musical entertainment, followed by a visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. The Emmanuel school will render the Christmas cantata, "The Coming," under the leadership of Mr. Fred Parfitt and assisted by the orchestral band.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church—The Christmas programme of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be given Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, by the Sunday School, assisted by the choir. The old story of the birth of the Saviour will be told again in song, recitation and dialogue. The prophets, daughters of Jerusalem, shepherds, scribes and wise men from the East, all in costume, will carry the Christmas story to Bible times, adding a very realistic touch to the Christmas story. Among other Christmas anthems, the choir will sing "Beautiful Rejoice in the Christmas," arranged for the famous St. Olaf's Choir, of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minnesota. The church has been beautifully decorated, even surpassing the decorations of last year. As many as one of the members of the school will bring a present for the orphans and poor children. On Christmas Day a Christmas service will be held at 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. The pastor, Rev. R. F. Kibler, will preach on the theme, "Unto Us a Child Is Born." Among the Christmas hymns, the congregation will sing "Joy to the World" and "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

## CONGRATULATE MR. DOUCETTE, WHO WON N.B. CONTEST

Yesterday morning the Conservative members of the Legislature, before they assembled for prorogation, sent a congratulatory message to Mr. Alexandre Doucette, member-elect for Kent County, N.B., in the Federal House of Commons.

The county is the birthplace of the Provincial leader of the party, Mr. W. J. Bowser, and the message was sent in his name as representing the members of the party in the Legislature.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Flames that broke out in the second floor and spread with lightning speed, imperiling the lives of three hundred employees, transformed a five-story building in the wholesale district here into a mass of ruins today with a loss estimated at \$150,000. More than three hundred firemen fought desperately to control the blaze. The building was occupied by the Liggett & Meyer Tobacco Co., on the first floor, and the International Stock Food Company on the four top floors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Christmas liquor that slipped by the forces guarding against smuggling in New Jersey and along the Canadian border became the target of New York police tonight. A force of detectives invaded the theatrical and shopping districts around Times Square and Herald Square, arrested fifteen men and seized large quantities of whisky and gin.

## REEVE WATSON STILL HESITANT

Tells Saanich Ratepayers He Has Not Made Up His Mind Whether to Again Seek Re-election

### WARNS IMPROVEMENT TAX MAY BE LEVIED

Mr. C. Oldfield Nominated for Council in Ward Five—Councillor Lehman Retires—Reeve Denies Alliance

ALTHOUGH last night's meeting of Saanich Ward Five ratepayers in the Royal Oak School was held primarily for the purpose of making nominations for municipal offices, only one candidate, Mr. C. Oldfield, was proposed.

Mr. Oldfield's term as school trustee expires at the end of this year, and while strenuous efforts were made by the meeting to persuade him to accept another two-year term, he was firm in his refusal. Nominated as a candidate for councillor for Ward Five to occupy the seat vacated by Councillor Lehman, who announced his withdrawal, he accepted and received the endorsement of Ward Five Ratepayers' Association. His nomination was proposed by Councillor Lehman and seconded by Mr. George Robinson.

Reeve Watson, who was present and who gave a brief resume of municipal affairs during the past year, was officially asked by the association to stand for another year, the motion to that effect carrying unanimously, but he would not make a definite announcement respecting his candidature.

Speaking about taxation in Saanich, Reeve Watson stated that substantial reductions had been made during the year. It was true that mistakes had been made in individual cases, but he thought it would have been a very strange circumstance if error had not crept in, considering the amount of work the reduction involved. So much criticism had been made regarding taxation and assessment of land that he had come to the conclusion that a new assessor was required, he said, and he was prepared to urge that a change be made, providing two essentials could be guaranteed: first, that the appointment of a new assessor would satisfy every ratepayer in Saanich, and secondly, that sufficient revenue be secured to meet requirements.

Believes in Single Tax—He had always been a firm believer in the single tax system, he said, but he warned the meeting that if wholesale criticism continued, the 1924 council, or the 1925 council, or some council would inaugurate a tax on improvements. The municipal council was supplied with the necessary power by the terms of the Municipal Act, he pointed out, and need not ask the opinion of the electorate before putting such a system of taxation into force. Personally, he hoped the day was far distant when a tax on improvements would be made in Saanich.

Compared to other municipalities of British Columbia, Saanich was in good condition financially, Reeve Watson stated.

Relative to a statement made at a recent meeting of ratepayers at Marigold that approximately one-quarter of the acreage of the municipality was owned by Saanich through non-payment of taxes by former owners, the Reeve asserted that there was but \$15,000 of delinquent taxes on the municipal books. During the time he had been serving on the council delinquent taxes had been reduced by some \$45,000, or since 1919.

Surplus Uncertain—In answer to questions, Reeve Watson said he was unable to state until the annual report had been issued whether the municipality would show a deficit surplus for the past year. He thought, however, that it would break about even.

Mr. H. H. Gilm, president of the association, talking about last year's pre-election matters, made the assertion that an arrangement had been entered into between Reeve Watson and Mr. McWilliams, who had declared himself a candidate for the reevehip. Reeve Watson challenged the statement, and strenuously denied that he ever had or ever would enter any arrangement or agreement with anybody respecting his or anybody else's election. Mr. George Robinson corroborated his denial. Mr. Robinson had been a member of the committee of ratepayers having to do with nominations last year, and he was in a position to state definitely, he said, that Reeve Watson had made no arrangement or agreement with anybody.

Trustee Oldfield Speaks—Accounting for his stewardship as a member of the 1923 School Board, Trustee C. Oldfield gave some interesting figures regarding Saanich schools.

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J. M. Hurley, Ex-M.P., Dead  
BELLEVILLE, Dec. 21.—J. M. Hurley, ex-M.P. for East Hastings, died here tonight. He was elected in 1918, and sat in the Commons for one term.

## City and District

**Charged With Vagrancy**—William Fraser, a youth about eighteen years old, pleaded not guilty to a charge of vagrancy in the police court yesterday. He was remanded in custody until this morning, pending inquiries to be made by the police.

**Daughters of City**—The Daughters of City are reminded that this afternoon has been decided upon for the decoration of the wards and corridors of the Jubilee Hospital, and all members of the Order and friends are asked to be present to help with the work. Anybody having hotly to try to spare will greatly help the "Daughters" by donations of the same.

**Has Fine Display**—The Sun Electric Co., of 1306 Douglas Street, has about the best window display of the season. The scene depicts the Arctic explorers' hut, lit by means of a lighting plant, and shows all the appliances and conveniences used by these explorers as compared with the few electric appliances used by dwellers in the city.

**Board May Intervene**—The Government Liquor Board may recommend the restitution of the stock of unsold liquor recently seized in the Cook Street house of Mr. John E. Day, according to information given by City Prosecutor Harrison to Magistrate Jay yesterday. Mr. Harrison said he had had a message from Mr. R. H. Pooley to the effect that the board was considering the making of a recommendation to Magistrate Jay, who was to have given judgment yesterday on Mr. Day's application for the return of the liquor, further adjourning the case until today.

**Fined for Cruelty**—Ah Kang, charged before Magistrate Jay yesterday with cruelty to a dog, was fined \$10 and \$2.50 costs. Ah Kang pleaded that the dog was sick, merely, and that he had done his best for the animal. Inspector G. T. Maurice, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, testified that he found the dog in a shamefully neglected and starved condition. Mr. W. E. Farmer, city pound keeper, said that the dog was starving when it was brought to him. The dog, a puppy, about four months old, was brought into court for the Magistrate's inspection, and one look at the wretched creature was enough to convince His Worship that the charge was justified.

**Children's Egg Judging**—The British Columbia Poultry Association is holding an educational egg judging competition for boys and girls at the annual poultry show of the Victoria Poultry Association to be held at the Poultry Building, Willows, December 31, January 1 and 2. Classes are to be provided for both boys and girls, and competitors are to be between the ages of ten and fourteen years. The association has secured the services of Mr. W. Hagger, who has charge of the egg-judging inspection work for Vancouver Island. He will give a short address to the children and then demonstrate the proper method of candling eggs. Each competitor will then be given some eggs to candle and give their reasons for their judgments. The competition is free, and there will be four cash prizes for each class. Any boy or girl wishing to enter the competition should hand in name and address to Mr. J. R. Terry, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, either by phone or mail.

## SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER DENIES

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court of arbitration jointly agreed upon. Failing to do this, Mr. Hughes will show the world that he has consciously made himself instrumental in publishing and broadcasting forged documents. It is up to Mr. Hughes to acquit himself of the accusations against him."

A long summary of the documents has been cabled to Moscow from New York. Referring to the situation, the Ivestia, the semi-official mouthpiece of the Government says:

"We expected trouble from Mr. Hughes, and therefore our disappointment has not been very deep. We will always be ready in the future to talk with America and conclude deals on a mutual basis."

The Ivestia says that America "gave the world an example of cancellation of debts, which Mr. Hughes seems to forget."

**Another Cancellation**  
It adds that the Colonies cancelled their obligations to England after the revolution. The Southern States debt was repudiated after the Civil War. The Government gave slaveowners no compensation after emancipation, and the American protectorate in Cuba cancelled debts to Spain.

The "infamous Simon papers," referred to by Mr. Titchener were reports made in 1918 to George H. Roper, head of the American commission on public information during the world war, by Edgar Simon, special representative of the committee Russia. The documents as given out by the committee at Washington showed that the German Government through its Imperial Bank, paid its gold to Lenin, Trotsky, and their immediate associates in Russia to betray Russia into deserting her allies, and how Germany had perfected plans for a war of world conquest. The committee made public originals of these documents and photographs of originals and of typewritten circulars, many of them bearing annotations of the Bolshevik leaders.

## French Savant Makes Interesting Find

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A fresh water pearl fishery is one of the hitherto unsuspected treasures of France, according to communications by M. Henneguy to the Academy of Sciences. He reported a discovery in the centre of France, and in the waters of the Loire, that produce pearls comparable favourably in color with the best efforts of the oyster.

HONG KONG, Dec. 21.—Advice from Canton state that numerous placards are appearing on the streets of the southern capital urging an anti-American and anti-British boycott as a result of the attitude of the foreign powers in the present customs surplus imbroglio. Some of the placards appeal to the people to unite to obtain the Kwangtung customs surplus in order "to save the Chinese nation."

## Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

One deputy returning officer and sixteen poll clerks will be employed for the taking of the amendment centre by-law vote a week from tomorrow. Mr. T. P. Kay has been appointed the deputy under Returning Officer William Seowcroft. The vote on the taxation of improvements was 2,391 and that on the Empress Hotel by-laws 2,798, ratepayers alone being permitted to vote, as will be the case next Saturday.

There does not appear to be any hope of this year's building permit total reaching that of 1932. It is now about \$7,000 behind, and unless something unexpected occurs, little of this will be made up between now and the end of the year. Garages have been about the only type of structure for which permits have been issued this month.

The ratepayers who vote on the amendment centre question next Saturday will record themselves as either for or against the by-law. Under the law the term "aye" and "no" must be used, while for a referendum "yes" replaces "aye."

One of the local aldermen, seeing that Montreal provided a gown for its mayor, has suggested that such a garb be worn by Victoria's chief magistrate also.

Receiving complaints about small girls selling papers on the streets, Chief of Police John Fry has written to Mayor Hayward, pointing out that the city has at present no power to remedy this, and suggesting that if it can legally provide a by-law to cover this point, the City Council should consider doing so.

While there was formerly provision for the prosecuting of people who kept dogs, roosters, etc., that were a habitual nuisance, there is no by-law to this effect now. Chief of Police John Fry has informed Mayor Hayward, in answer to a query from him. The re-enactment of the former provision would provide a remedy for the many complaints received, says the Chief.

In order to brighten up that portion of Douglas Street during the Christmas shopping period, Mayor Hayward has given instructions for the lights in the city hall to be left on at nights. With every window aglow, the building adds materially to the cheerfulness of the thoroughfare.

Ever since the building operations began in connection with the new Joiners' Hall, the Loungers' Club has been holding daily sessions at the scene of these activities. Numerous citizens have been known to spend hours just looking. Their interest in bridge building appeared inexhaustible. One man complained that the members of the club were blocking up the sidewalk, and suggested that a vacant lot be set aside for their convenience, where any steam roller off duty might be permitted to lumber up by running back and forth. Monotony of action is said to be no drawback whatever.

## HIJACKERS ROB DISTILLERY

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 21.—A score of city policemen were summoned to the Gwynbrook distillery tonight to aid county police in rounding up bootleggers, who robbed the place of at least four truckloads of liquor.

## THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 3 p.m., December 21, 1933.

A severe ocean storm is centred on the Northern Coast, and southerly gales are spreading westward to Vancouver Island. Milder weather is becoming general on the Prairies.

	TEMPERATURE	Min.	Max.
Victoria	48	44	52
Vancouver	48	44	52
Nanaimo	48	44	52
Port Moody	48	44	52
Princess Rupert	48	44	52
Salmon	48	44	52
Alberni	48	44	52
Winnipeg	48	44	52
Portland, Ore.	48	44	52
San Francisco, Cal.	48	44	52
Seattle, Wash.	48	44	52
Pasadena	48	44	52
Grand Forks	48	44	52
Nelson	48	44	52
Edmonton	48	44	52
Prince Albert, Sask.	48	44	52

	FRIDAY
Maximum	48
Minimum	44
Average	46
Maximum on the ground	52
Rain, trace	
General state of the weather, cloudy.	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cadillac "8"—50c Taxi—Shopping and calling \$2 per hour. Phone 4566.

Butter—The very best, local, fresh churned, Salt Island Creamery, now retailing at 55c per lb.

"Kelways' Foods of Excellence." Try our Best 11 Hot Luncheon 11 till 6 p.m. During Christmas season, 55c.

Amber and Cut-Crystal Necklaces, gift novelties. Arts & Hand-Craft Shop, 312 View Street.

Yes, Halley's Restaurant will be open Christmas Day. Why not try our Turkey Dinner?

Christmas Gift, Electric Washing Compound and Ambers Oil Polish, in box, 95 cents. Government Street Market.

Miss M. Khoo is holding her Christmas exhibition of pictures and crafts in studio ( upstairs), 491 Union Bank Building.

Superfumes Have permanently destroyed. Mole successfully removed; scientific, antiseptic, safe, absolute cure guaranteed; 15 years' practical experience. Miss Hanman (certified) Leon specialists, 23 Wick Building.

Great War Veterans' Association—Grand smoking concert and tombola, Saturday evening, December 22, 8 o'clock. Tombola will be drawn at 10 o'clock. Good programme. Tickets 50 cents. All donations cordially invited. Fairbanks-Morse Building.

Royal Dairy Specials for Xmas Day—Just arrived, Hasiat Fruit Ice Cream, Black Walnut Fruit Ice Cream, also Bique Torton, Maple Bique. Order for your party or Christmas dinner. Orders received until six o'clock Monday for delivery Christmas Day. Phone 122 767 View Street.

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Terms, Per Week

**\$2.50**

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This is the Upright, Cabinet Model Gerhard Heintzman Phonograph, an instrument which has all the built-in good qualities of the famous pianos made by Gerhard Heintzman. This instrument plays all makes of disc records and its tone is flawlessly sweet and pure. With six records, 12 selections of your own choosing, the price is \$130.00.

Terms, Per Week

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### The "Lyric"

Of all Canadian or imported Phonographs the "Lyric" affords the greatest value. It is a large, beautifully finished Console design and its tone is supremely mellow and pleasing. With six records, 12 selections of your own choosing, its price is only \$125.00.

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The second coming of Christ is at hand. Prophecy is fulfilled.

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"If we neglect our duty to be faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the archangel and the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall first arise, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."

## Holly Trees for Christmas Gifts

We have some exceedingly well grown Hollies, full of berries; also some very large trees of the variegated form of Holly.

### BAY TREES IN TUBS

For Hall or Entrance decorations, both Standards and Pyramidal. What more fitting and lasting gifts for this festive season could you provide? Come and see them and make your own selection.

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Save 10¢ a Package!

Makes rings  
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## FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 21, 1873)  
 Beef's Meat—Stafford & Goodacre, at their shop, corner of Johnson and Government Streets, will make the finest display of beef, mutton, pork, lamb, etc., ever seen in the city, and rivaling in excellence and arrangement the best London shops. The exhibition will be well worth seeing, and no Christmas table will be well furnished that has not upon it a roasting place from Stafford & Goodacre.

## Goodacre's Meats and Poultry



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Christmas  
Call and See  
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## GREETING CARDS

## Christmas and New Year

To friends in Canada and the United States there is still time to send your personal greetings. We can execute your order promptly.

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Everything Reduced

Mah Jong. Sale \$5.95  
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 Mah Jong. Sale \$17.50, \$15.00  
 Chinese Baskets. Sale from 25¢  
 Chinese Slippers. Sale \$2.25  
 Good Spun Silk. Yard \$1.25  
 Pongee Silk. Sale, yard \$1.50 and \$1.00  
 Toys from 5¢  
 Pretty Screen. Sale \$7.75

Select Your Gifts Now.

Grass Chairs. Sale \$5.95  
 Children's Chairs. Sale \$2.25  
 Chinese Baskets. Sale from 25¢  
 Thousands of Beautiful Gift Goods. Sale at 25¢, 15¢ to 5¢  
 Beautiful Crepe Kimonos. Sale at \$2.75  
 Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, 40¢, 45¢, 55¢ and 75¢  
 Lunch Cloths. Sale .95¢  
 Bead Necklaces. Sale \$2.50  
 Ash Trays. Sale 35¢

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HOLLY CROP LARGE  
AND QUALITY GOOD

Fourteen Tons of Victoria Production Exported—Big Cultivator Believes There Is an Excellent Future for Holly Industry on Island—Demand for Local Crop Is Now Continent-Wide

VICTORIA'S Christmas crop of holly is this year a bountiful one both in quality and quantity, according to local cultivators, and is a long way ahead of the production of last year.

Mr. F. R. Pemberton, of Victoria, probably the largest grower and exporter of holly on the Pacific Coast, has exported approximately fourteen tons, and has shipped consignments as far south as Santa Cruz, and as far east as New York City. Intermediate points have included Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Toronto.

Last year during the Christmas season demand for holly was eight tons. Demand for holly from local firms has been met largely by supplies obtained from trees owned by private residents of Victoria, and it is consequently impossible to obtain even a rough idea of how much has been delivered. Prices paid locally for holly ran from twenty to twenty-five cents a pound, whereas Mr. Pemberton placed his production on the export market at from thirty-six to forty cents.

Since the poor holly crop of 1922, officials of the Dominion Department of Agriculture have been experimenting with various sprays and treatments in an effort to eradicate the miner grub which destroys the young shoots of the plants, and the caterpillar worm, which destroys the leaves. Some of the best results have been obtained by the use of a mixture of kerosene and lime, and Mr. Pemberton has been using very effectively a formula on his trees which has, he believes, defeated the attacks of the pests.

**Good Quality This Year**  
 Holly grown by Mr. Pemberton this year, and which is sold on a small scale by various residents and sold to local dealers, is full-leaved and well berried, presenting a very welcome contrast to the 1922 growth, but, according to Mr. Pemberton, much of the holly cut to supply the local market has been gathered with little or no regard for the future of the trees. He has seen within the past few days, he says, trees in private gardens which have been stripped of entire limbs and parent branches.

"Holly should be gathered very carefully if one wants to preserve the beauty and even life of the tree," he advised. "Only the smaller

branches and shoots should be taken at one cutting, and care should be taken not to cut off or injure the larger producing branches. If they are cut, and many Victoria trees bear evidence of such treatment, it means that the tree must strive for two or more years to replace them, and in the meantime they appear ragged and unkempt. Holly in large branches, no matter what high quality the leaves and berries attain, compares very badly with small well-leaved and well-berried sprays."

Mr. Pemberton believes that the industry of growing holly on Vancouver Island, and cultivating it so that a high standard of quality is attained, has a big future ahead of it. Christmas season demand in big centres to the south and east was always brisk, he asserted, and no soil or climate was better adapted for one hundred per cent quality and quantity production than that of Victoria and the Island generally.

**Old Traditions**  
 The custom of employing holly and other plants for decorative purposes at Christmas is one of considerable antiquity, and has been regarded as a survival of the usages of the Roman Saturnalia, or of an old Teutonic practice of hanging the interior of dwellings with evergreens as a refuge for ayilan spirits from the inclemency of winter. A border proverb defines an habitual story-teller as one that "loses never but when the hollen is green."

Several popular superstitions exist with respect to holly. In the County of Rutland it is deemed unlucky to introduce it into a house before Christmas eve. In some English rural districts the prickly and non-prickly kinds are distinguished as "he" and "she" holly; and in Derbyshire the tradition obtains that according as the holly brought into the house at Christmas is smooth or rough, the wife or the husband will be master. Holly that has adorned churches during the Christmas season is much esteemed and cherished in the Counties of Worcestershire and Herefordshire, the possession of a small branch with berries being supposed to bring a lucky year. In Germany at one time a notion was prevalent that consecrated twigs of holly hung over a doorway afforded protection from thunder.

**Veteran Lumberman Dead**  
 FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 21.—Harry C. Mackay, fifty-eight, veteran lumberman, died here yesterday.

ISLAND MILLIONAIRE  
OWNS 'FRISCO PAPER

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Receives Many Congratulations on Starting Illustrated Daily Herald

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., whose movements deserve special notice from the people of Vancouver Island in view of the fact that he has a summer residence on Sproat Lake, is attracting considerable attention at the present time in California and all along the Pacific Coast through his recent enterprise in starting San Francisco's first illustrated daily.

Starting with an initial circulation of 125,000, The Illustrated Daily Herald made quite a sensation when it began publication on December 19, the enterprising proprietor attracting no small modicum of attention as well as his paper. From all sections of the United States and from many foreign countries telegrams and letters were showered upon Mr. Vanderbilt as the paper came off the press.

James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, was one of the distinguished guests at the birthday party, and on the front page of this copiously-illustrated journal there is a picture of His Worship in the act of introducing Mr. Vanderbilt to the throng which was present when the big presses turned out the first issue, the Mayor having pressed the button which turned on the power and started the presses going for the first edition.

Among those who sent their greetings were the Mayor, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Down-Town Association, the Civic League of Improvement Clubs and Associations, Charlie Chaplin, Theodore Roosevelt (Assistant-Secretary of the Navy), James J. Davis (U.S. Secretary of Labor), Charles Hughes (Secretary of State), Hiram Johnson (U.S. Senator), the Italian Ambassador, Will H. Hays (president of the Motion Picture Producers' Association), ex-Premier R. L. Borden, of Canada, Henry Getty Chilton (First Secretary of the British Embassy), and a host of other eminent and well-known men.

Each of the presses of The Herald has a 20,000 per hour capacity, and is the last word in ingenious mechanism. The first edition ran to thirty-two pages.

The form in which The Herald is printed is more familiar to the English newspapers than to those on this side of the Atlantic, the paper being in the convenient size used by The Daily Mirror, Daily Mail, and other popular London journals. It attempts to give its readers a representative summary of the news of the day.

One of the first copies to reach Victoria has been brought to The Colonist office.

Lashes Await Red  
Ryan's Return Home

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Norman "Red" Ryan, gunman and murderer, probably will be returned to Canada to finish his sentence and to take his lashes at Kingston, from which he escaped. St. Paul authorities, who issued the warrant on Ryan, were arrested, have waived all rights in his prosecution and indicated a willingness that he be sent across the border to receive his punishment. Frank S. Brunskill, chief of Minneapolis police, said he believed Ryan will make a desperate attempt to prevent extradition. The escaped convict had admitted his fear of returning to Kingston, because seven lashes awaited him there.

Make Reservations Early for Xmas Dinner at Strathcona Hotel, \$1.00, 12-5 and 3-10-L.

See Pages Ten and  
ElevenFor Today's  
Xmas Shopping News

## Hudson's Bay Company

SASKATCHEWAN BLUE  
LAWS RECEIVE CHECK

Supreme Court of Canada Delivers Important Judgment Bearing on Provincial Act

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Saskatchewan's blue sky legislation is not applicable to a company operating in the province under Dominion charter. Such is the virtual effect of an important judgment rendered by the Supreme Court of Canada today.

The case arose originally out of the purchase by one Luky of two shares of stock from the Ruthenian Farmers' Elevator Company, of Winnipeg. The Attorney-General of Saskatchewan and the Attorney-General for Ontario intervening. Luky gave two promissory notes for the stock, and on the notes being dishonored, the company took action to recover the amount. The District Court of Yorkton, Sask., dismissed the company's action, but this decision was reversed by the Saskatchewan Court

## SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL

## RUBBER TIED DOLLS' CARRIAGES

Especially strong, wicker body with hood, iron frame with spring. Body 21 inches by 9 inches. Worth \$7.50. This morning, 9 to 12 only \$5.00

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of Appeal. There was then a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which today upheld the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. Mr. Justice Idington dissented.

The point in regard to blue sky legislation came up in that, at the time the promissory notes were executed the Ruthenian Farmers' Elevator Company did not have a certificate

## Fatal Accident

QUELPH, Dec. 21.—A fatal accident occurred at the Regent Textiles, Ltd., today. Ernest Dell, sixteen, was caught in a belt shafting and squeezed to death between it and the beam of the ceiling.

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## Social Events

### Returns Home

The many friends of Mrs. H. P. Hodges will be pleased to hear that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be able to leave St. Joseph's Hospital today for her home at the Alka Mansions.

### Returns From School

Miss Marion Bullock-Webster has returned to her home in this city for the Christmas holidays from school in Vancouver, and is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock-Webster, Davis Street, Oak Bay.

### Hosts at Dinner

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Helsterman entertained about forty-five guests at a dinner at their home on St. Charles Street in honor of their eldest son, Mr. Charles Helsterman.

### Mr. Fleming Ill

Mr. Harold Fleming, photographer, of 1014 Government Street, is confined to his bed with a severe cold, but expects to be around again in a few days.

### To Spend Christmas Here

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cameron, of Vancouver, will spend Christmas in Victoria, guests of the former's mother, Lady Cameron.

### Leaving for Vancouver

Miss Margaret East, of the Victoria Normal School, is shortly leaving for Vancouver, where she will spend the coming week with Mrs. Carter.

Mr. J. D. McEwen, Deputy Minister of Labor, left yesterday for Seattle, where he will spend the holiday with his daughter, who lives in that city.

### Here for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. O'Neill Hayes, of Tudor Avenue, have as their guest for the Christmas holidays their son, Mr. Harold Hayes, of Stewart, B.C.

### Visit Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. Olive, of Wolsley, Saskatchewan, have arrived in Victoria, and are visiting Mrs. D'Arcy, 77 Moss Street.

### Returns to Capital

After visiting Vancouver for a few days, Colonel Villiers has returned to the Capital.

### Vancouver Visitor

Mr. Robin T. Ross, of Vancouver, has arrived in this city, where he will spend the coming few days.

### WEDDINGS

#### Memor-Fritchard

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard, 2830 Colquhoun Avenue, on Thursday, when Mr. Andrew W. Memor, of Limerick, Saskatchewan, and Miss Evelyn Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard, were united in marriage by the Rev. Daniel Walker, pastor of the Gorge Presbyterian Church. The bride and groom left for Seattle on the afternoon boat, where they will spend their honeymoon.

### Those Who Come and Go

Mr. H. T. Lockyer, zone manager of the Hudson's Bay Company's stores in British Columbia, paid one of his regular visits to Victoria yesterday. His connection with the company gives him the opportunity of coming very closely into touch with the commercial life of the country. The situation, he points out, is nothing to feel pessimistic over but, on the contrary, he thinks there is every reason to feel optimistic. The records of the stores show that business is fully maintaining its own.

Captain J. E. Gilmour, who is connected with the Whaling Company in its operations on the West Coast, has returned to the city for the winter.

Among those at the Strathcona Hotel are Mr. P. J. Elliott, from Vancouver; Mr. Charles G. Campbell, from Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallace, from Carnation, Wash.; Frank Villa, from Seattle; Mr. F. Brown,

from Vancouver; Mrs. M. Spillet, from Dauphin, Man.; Mr. L. Mayne, from Vancouver; Mr. M. D. O'Brien, from Seattle; Mr. A. H. Cowlin and Mr. E. Maguire, from Vancouver.

Up-Island visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include the following: Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Meilin, from Duncan; Mrs. and Mrs. E. Lumley, from South Salt Spring Island; Mrs. A. M. Miller, from Duncan; Miss Lonsdale, from Shawnigan Lake; and Mr. and Mrs. Ankettell-Jones, from Chemainus.

Miss Mary A. P. Roberts, of Some- noe; H. Duncan, of Ladysmith; Mr. and Mrs. Crampton and Miss M. Denney, of Sidney; C. E. Bromilaw, Mrs. Bromilaw and son, of Quana- chur Lake; James B. Touhey and Mrs. Touhey, of Cassidy; Mrs. H. Coyne and Mrs. C. W. O'Neill, of Duncan, visitors from up the island, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Le Roy Longwa, of Idaho; C. B. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, of Milwaukee; Dr. L. T. Brown, of Port Townsend; J. C. Carruthers, of Nelson; Samuel Pearson, of Portland, Oregon; W. R. Crosby and James Emile, of Seattle, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. W. Hadden, of Mirror, Alta.; A. G. Warburton, of Port Washington; M. D. Morrison, H. C. Fletcher; Mr. M. D. Morrison, H. C. Fletcher; Miss Ethel Maxwell, P. Ferguson, Russell Noble, J. P. Myers and W. C. Daniels, of Vancouver; Oswald D. Thompson and Lionel J. Peake, of Nanaimo, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Members of the National Hockey Club, of Vancouver, are making the Strathcona Hotel their headquarters.

New arrivals registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mr. A. P. Hanson, from Vancouver; Mr. A. C. Thrupp, from Kamloops; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wilson, from Ilfracombe; Mr. J. M. Heather, from Rutland, Sask.; Mr. J. H. Brookbank, from Rosetown, Sask.; Mr. P. Byrne, from Prince Albert, Sask.; and Mr. P. Dawson.

Up-Island visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include the Misses Hodgson, from Lake Cowichan; Capt. Hodgson, from Cobble Hill; L. A. E. Coles, from Maple Bay; Mrs. Hodgson, from Hilliers, B.C.; Mrs. H. Hodgson, from Lake Cowichan; and Mr. P. Linder, from Port Renfrew.

### C.P.R. SOCIAL CLUB

It was a very successful military 800 game which took place in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel on Thursday night, under the auspices of the C.P.R. Social Club. The spacious ballroom was well heated, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. There were fifty-nine tables in play, and the game was keenly contested, with the following results: First prize, Miss (now Mrs.) J. Martin, Messrs. I. Hughes and E. Rance; second prize, Mrs. Morarty, Miss Hill, Messrs. J. Willows and W. H. White; third prize, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Fox, Messrs. J. Tomlin and W. Crathall. The ten bid game was made at no fewer than nine tables, and a "cut" decided the winners, Mrs. H. O. Kirkham and T. Holt.

A surprise awaited all players, as the C.P.R. card committee had decided to have a tombola prize, which was won by Mr. W. Dillon. The prizes consisted of turkeys ranging from eight to four pounds each. This game was commented on as being the most comfortable and best conducted game in the city, and Mr. J. Belanger, chairman of the committee, received many congratulations.

### OLD MEN TO HAVE CHRISTMAS MENUS

Plans Made to Give Inmates of Old Men's Home Special Fare on Xmas Holiday

Turkey and plum duff will brighten Christmas Day for the inmates of the Old Men's Home. The menu for the occasion has some special features. For breakfast there is to be ham and eggs, tea and coffee, bread and butter, etc. For the midday dinner turkey will be served, with cranberry sauce and vegetables, and plum duff will be served. Tea and special liquid refreshments will also be available. Apple and mince pie will be found upon the supper table, and there will be fruit, nuts, etc., to further add to the gala occasion.



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## PREMIER JUST KEEPS HIS WORD

Price-Waterhouse Audit of P.G.E. Affairs Reaches the Legislature on Final Day of Session

REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN EXAMINED

Minister of Railways Claims It Is Satisfactory to Government, and Cites Paragraphs to Prove Contention

NEARLY two weeks ago a statement was made by the Premier in the Legislature that before the session closed it was hoped that the report of Price, Waterhouse & Co. dealing with P.G.E. matters would be presented in the House before the session closed.

The promise of Premier Oliver was fulfilled, but it was a very close call that he had to do so. It was not until the House had assembled yesterday morning for the prorogation proceedings that the document found its way into the Legislature. As it was, there was no opportunity afforded to make an examination of the report, which is quite a lengthy one.

The report is the result of an audit that was made as a result of the numerous charges that were made against the government's conduct of the affairs and of the contracts entered into with the Northern Construction Company for the completion of the work.

The Premier himself says that he had no opportunity to examine the report before it went to the House. There has evidently been a very careful examination made of it since yet. The Opposition members obtained leave to examine it, but before they had completed their work the copy was recalled by the Premier, who wished to go into it himself.

The Minister of Railways, Hon. Dr. Maclean, gave out a statement during the day that the report bore out the contention that there was nothing wrong in the transactions. There was one item of \$4,000 that some difference of opinion was held regarding the accounting. It was expected that this will be more fully gone into.

Satisfactory, Says Minister

Dr. Maclean gave the following extracts from the report as bearing out the contention of himself that the government's conduct of affairs in this connection:

"In carrying out this audit it was declared that we should probe to the bottom and to every detail of the arrangement made by the railway company to the Northern Construction Company and that in our report there should be incorporated a statement showing all monies paid to the Construction company in this connection, namely, in respect of the expenditures on the construction and other work carried out under the terms of the contract just stated.

"It may be well to state at the outset that it has been impossible to implement literally all the instructions of November 4, 1922. In an undertaking of this proportion investigation must necessarily be confined to items of consequence, to the exclusion of matters of negligible importance, when these items in the aggregate do not affect except in a very minor degree the final results.

"Our efforts consequently have been directed more to an investigation of all matters essential to the contract and the accounting rendered by the Northern Construction Company in connection therewith, than to the investigation of petty and, in certain cases, totally erroneous charges made in Pamphlet 5 (Searchlight).

Reasonable Supervision

"Evidence is available to show that the expenditures made were currently reviewed by the Department in the light of the results achieved, and that the trend of construction and the actual cost thereof had a reasonable measure of supervision and check."

Exhibit A: This statement summarizes under the principal captions the expenditures made by the Northern Construction Company in connection with the contract of September 13, 1918, amendments and additions thereto, work orders, other extras and Prince George South, which expenditures were charged to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as shown by the 'Estimates' and the vouchers in support thereof.

"The items appearing in the statement were in the main properly vouched for by accompanying invoices, payrolls, and the receipts, signed orders and payrolls of the sub-contractors for monies advanced to them or paid out on their behalf, all of which have been inspected by us and analyzed on our schedules, in accordance with our general understanding of the transactions.

Examined at Random

"Inspection was made of the system of the contractors in respect of items charged to their various headquarters, warehouses, covering materials, supplies, payrolls, etc. Invoices for construction of materials and supplies, cookhouse supplies and equipment, were examined by us at random and showed that these had been approved.

"For prices, by the contractors' purchasing agent.

"(2) For extensions, by one of the accountants, and

"(3) For the quantities received, by the paymasters at the headquarters on receipts received from the headquarters warehouse employees.

"Distribution of the various items was recorded on distribution sheets and the various camps, sections of the work and the sub-contractors were charged with their appropriate amount of stores, cookhouse supplies, materials and supplies, tools and equipment, cash advances, etc.

"Inspection of the invoices and vouchers at Victoria and the duplicates retained by the Northern Construction Company has shown evidence that these matters had their proper attention. The vouchers at Victoria were generally approved by the con-

struction accountant of the Department.

Approval Withheld

"Approval was withheld in certain instances on grounds not generally stated on the vouchers, but this matter is not considered of material importance by us. In view of the system of approval of invoices in operation by the contractors. The arithmetical accuracy of the extensions and casting of the invoices attached to the estimates at Victoria seems to have been thoroughly tested.

"The commission paid to the contractor has been determined on the basis of five per cent on the unit cost of the construction work and five and one-half per cent on the cost of work orders, extra work and the work at Prince George South, included in the commission is an allowance of five and one-half per cent on the forty per cent value of the inventory of material and supplies, stores, equipment, buildings, etc., on hand at the termination of the contract.

"From the information we have at present this commission, amounting to \$5,848.28, was, in our opinion, erroneously allowed to the contractors. The inventory comprising equipment, materials, supplies, stores, etc., valued by the contractors at \$258,418.66, was correctly handed over to the company free of charge.

"The decrease in the actual cost of the work as allowed to sub-contractors when compared with cost on the basis of the unit prices, amounts to \$257,846.38."

### DEATH TAKES MR. WALTER WALKER

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Men's Society of the First Presbyterian Church.

The late Mr. Walker was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in February, 1847, where he received his early education, and served his apprenticeship as a carpenter on the famous Clyde. He came to Victoria in 1873, and upon arrival, proceeded to engage in shipbuilding and repair work.

Embarks in Coal Trade

In the year 1883, Mr. Walker decided to enter the retail coal business here, and had been engaged in that work up until the time of his untimely death. He was associated with the late Mr. Richard Hall, in the firm of Hall & Walker, until Mr. Hall died, when he conducted his own business, Walker & Sons.

At one time Mr. Walker was interested in the sealing industry, and was associated with others in the ownership of the steam schooner "Mischief." The boat afterwards was sold and the new owners had her lengthened and remodelled and renamed the "Alaskan," which was lost last year on the West Coast.

Mr. Walker was a prominent Odd Fellow, having been a member of that order for many years. He was a member of the Victoria Bowling Club, and was fond of fishing and other outdoor recreations.

The deceased is survived by his widow, and three sons, Walter M., Frederick P., and Malcolm G., the first two residing here, and the third in Vancouver, and a nephew, James Walker, of this city.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### CHINESE FORCES CLASH AT CANTON

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present existing between Hong Kong and Canton.

Sen Appeals to Caesar

HONGKONG, Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton Government, today telegraphed to Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British Labor Party, asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, and particularly the workers, the grave situation which the British representatives in China mainly have been instrumental in creating in Canton."

"My Government is being threatened with acts of war by an international force of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats armed with soldiers, who have already landed at Shanghai (the foreign section of Canton), where the administrative offices of other nations are located.

"This is the work of the diplomatic body at Peking, done at the instance of the British minister on advice of the senior consul at Canton, who is the British consul-general, and the Inspector-general of Chinese maritime customs, who is a British national."

Sun reminds the British labor leader that China, admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods, cannot be secured by a gunboat policy of old diplomacy, although it can be won by a policy aiming at the capture of Chinese goodwill.



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Mr. James D. Pollock, of Duncan, has been appointed a notary public during the time he is employed by the Hillier & Lumber Company.

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## AMERICAN MUSIC HAS DEFINITE CHARACTER

Mrs. J. O. Cameron Tells Ladies' Musical Club Audience About Accomplishments of Young Country—The Spirit of All America to Be Represented in Music of the Future—As a Nation They Are Studying Seriously

ALTHOUGH a young country, and younger still in the arts, America has already produced some very interesting music. Mrs. J. O. Cameron told something about it at a recent meeting of the Ladies' Musical Club.

There are two classes of people who will find little to interest them in the study of American music, she pointed out: those who do not care for music at all and those who have no liking for anything modern in music. We all know that the proper study of music is based on the works of the old masters. We know, too, that every ambitious student, American or Canadian, who can possibly do so, goes abroad to have at least a year or two in that atmosphere which has no counterpart in this country. But we have one very valuable asset the old countries lack: we have youth, the overflowing spirit of optimism that goes with it. We believe with time we can accomplish anything and do it as well as it has ever been done before. It will not be the music of the old masters; it will represent the spirit of all America. It will be big, responsive, free.

Rachmaninoff, the Russian composer, in an article written recently said: "There is a strong national characteristic in America. Even of her broad democracy, the gathering together of many nations, a cosmopolitan note which must sooner or later be written into her music. I am in America at present for the reason that nowhere else in the world is there such music as there is in America now. You have the finest orchestras and the most musically appreciative people."

This should carry a world of encouragement to the American people, when it was known that even in Europe in four centuries during which music had been carefully cultivated there had not been produced a very long list of really great composers. America should not be impatient because there had not yet been a Beethoven or a Wagner born to her. Her time would come. Americans as a nation were studying seriously. The programme of the concert in New York contained almost every work of importance long before it was produced in London. This eagerness to learn, combined with the artistic temperament, could not fail to produce in time artists

and music of the finest type of originality.

**Musical Heritage**  
It has been said that America has no musical heritage, but George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry were all good practical musicians. Francis Hopkinson, one of the signatories of the Declaration of Independence, was a composer of some note. The first book printed in America was the "Bay Psalm Book." Francis Hopkinson had published the first secular music in the States, "Seven Songs for the Forté Piano." The first real music store in America was opened in Philadelphia in 1728 by Michael Hillings, who kept and sold a good assortment of musical instruments, also music.

**Founder of Music**  
John K. Paine was the real founder of American music, among his most successful works being "Aedipus Tyrannus," his "Tempest Fantasy," and his second symphony, "Spring." With his name might be linked that of Parker, Whittier, Chadwick, Stillman-Kelly, and Van der Stucken. Arthur Foote was the only American-born and American-trained member of the older group. His biggest works were an orchestral suite and a symphonic prologue, "Prometheus da Rimini."

Midway between the first group and the second group came John Philip Sousa, an American of Spanish-German descent. He had created a new and inspiring type of march, achieving in this something better than had hitherto been attempted. His lovely personality, his genius, his work in music and literature, his music had been adapted and played in practically every country, although as unmistakably American as Schubert's songs were unquestionably German. Sousa had not attempted to write in the same manner as McDowell, Mrs. Beach, Hadley, Gilchrist, or others. He had not written such songs as had come from Rogers, Stillman-Kelly, or Foote. He had not written the interesting piano music of many other composers. And although he had written some operas like those of Victor Herbert and Reginald de Koven, it was in the Sousa march that the Americanism was to be found. Nevins, his work in music and literature, was somewhat akin to Chopin and

Godard, Mrs. Beach to Brahms, McDowell to Mendelssohn, Leist and Greig. John Philip Sousa alone had struck the distinctive note of the people just as Johann Strauss had expressed the spirit of Vienna more distinctively than Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, or any of the Viennese masters.

In addition to his musical work, Sousa had done his country a great service in teaching the proper organization and treatment of the military band.

Dudley Buck's work was also mentioned at some length. Born in 1852, he died in 1909. Besides being a composer and an organist, he wrote several books, one being a dictionary of "Musical Terms" and one on "The Influence of the Organ in History." The "Marion Symphonic Overture" and the "Golden Legend" were among his larger works with orchestra. He had also composed chamber music, songs and male-voice pieces.

**"My Country"**  
Samuel Smith, who wrote the words of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," found the music in an old German song book. Oliver Wendell Holmes said of this "Smith's writing 'My Country' is a masterpiece. It is a masterpiece of a masterpiece, and made everyone who sang it feel a sense of personal ownership."

The "Star-Spangled Banner" was written during the war of 1812 by Francis Scott Key. He went out on September 13, in a small boat, with a flag of truce to a British gunboat that was waiting in the harbor to attack Fort Mifflin to ask for the release of a friend who had been captured. Instead of releasing his friend, Lord Cockburn kept them both prisoners. The commander had boasted that the few soldiers, who called the "Defence of Fort Mifflin," Ferdinand Duran set the words to music, and it was sung in the fort. The soldiers, who received it with great enthusiasm. But while inspiring, it was much too hard for the average audience to sing. It is the true American national anthem, but on account of its technical difficulties, it is rarely attempted, and "America" is sung instead.

Victor Herbert, born in Ireland, wrote much of his music in America.

**Edward McDowell**  
Besides Sousa, Edward McDowell, a pupil of Raff, was the brilliant exception to the charge that American composition was weak. A wealthy Bostonian had once asked Paderewski what he could do to best further the interests of music in America, and Paderewski had told him that if he could provide a way for McDowell to give up teaching and devote his whole time to composition he would do the world a great service. McDowell was a tireless worker, and when he accepted the Chair of Music at Columbia University the increased work proved too great a strain, and he was forced early to resign. He left sixty-two opus numbers and several without opus numbers. Many of his piano works were set for several numbers, and his song numbers included from three to six songs. It is very gratifying to his friends to find European critics today among his most enthusiastic admirers, especially as a song writer, in which capacity he is compared often with Schubert. His larger orchestral works, "Dante's Ophelia," "Launcelet and Elaine" were not so widely known as his sonatas and concertos. Many of his smaller pieces were common artistic property the world over. Other American composers known to all the musical world were Gilbert, Farwell, Sprua, Hageman, Cadman (whose songs were very familiar), Ethelbert Nevin was known chiefly for his drawing-room songs and piano pieces. Of the youngest group of composers, Frederick Converse was mentioned as having produced two operas, "Pipe of Desire" and "Sacrifice." Hadley is a conductor as well as a composer, and has written a large number of big symphonic works. "Youth and Life" and "Hector and Andromache" being among the best. Hadley had told Moore enjoyed the unique distinction of having composed and conducted a grand opera.

"The true difficulty of the American composer is found not in a lack, but in too great a supply of material, and in the confusing variety of foreign influences. The technical failings of our forefathers is becoming a thing of the past, and his work of some of our modern composers in opera, symphony and chamber music compares favorably with that of European composers. Where they still fall, except in the brilliant exception, McDowell, is in that touch of personal distinction that we find in men like Strauss, Rachmaninoff, Elgar and many others."

The American of today was a cosmopolitan being, not the American of the nineteenth century New England, but of the twentieth century meeting point. No folk music, no individual composer, no school of composers, could represent America in a purely national way yet. The American up to the present was hampered by no tradition as to form in art. They had caught color and atmosphere, and had themes, and musicians and orchestras to interpret them. No one could tell how soon the national music would come, something new and fresh and vital. Madame Calve said that some of the best natural voices she had heard came from the clear, high altitudes of the Western States.

**EXECUTION REPORTED OF CHINESE BANDIT**

Beigand Who Captured British and American Passengers for Ransom Pays Penalty

PEKING, Dec. 21.—Sun Mai To, one of the bandit leaders who participated in the attack on a Shanghai-Peking express train near Suhow, in the Province of Kiangsu, last May, in which a number of Americans and other foreigners were kidnapped and held captive for more than a month, has been executed at Taohwang in Chekiang Province, according to advices received by the war ministry here.

He was charged with permitting troops under his command to mutiny and rebel against the government, advices state.

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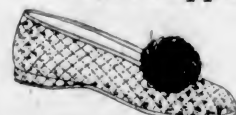
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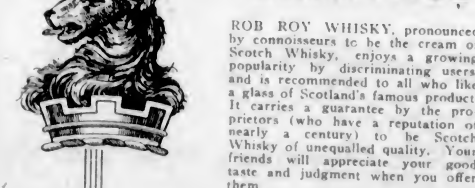
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## At the Playhouses

**DOMINION** Windham Standing, the noted film player, was born in London and educated in that city and in Dublin University. He early became interested in drama, and joined the English Light Opera Company. After that he played on the stage and went to pictures in England and later in the United States. Windham Standing is to be seen in "The Gold Diggers" the David Belasco play, where he takes the part of Stephen Lee, the millionaire bachelor. "The Gold Diggers" may be seen at the Dominion Theatre for the last time today. It was filmed under the direction of Harry Beaumont and adapted for the screen by Grant Carpenter from the famous play by Avery Hopwood. It is a Warner Brothers' classic of the screen and a David Belasco production.

**COLUMBIA** Milton D. Gardner, who was business manager of the Dominion Theatre, in charge of the Dominion company which filmed "Lost and Found" in the natural setting in Tahiti, was chatting the other day about his experiences. "We were bothered by the rain," he said, "and we were annoyed by the dogs. It rained so much that we only had twelve days suitable for photography. And the dogs were so numerous and curious that we had to hire a number of dog-shooters to keep them from taking part in the battles and love scenes. But our difficulties were in getting food enough for the natives who were necessary to the picture. H. A. Walsh, who directed this production, is the fifth man which is showing at the Columbia for the last time today. House Peters, Pauline Stark, Rosemary Theby, Antonio Moreno and other members of the company, agreed that they never had experienced more wonderful hospitality than in Tahiti. All of them said that they were intending to go back there some day purely for pleasure. One of the native actresses whose name, Nuanua, means "Born to be Beautiful," may be brought to the United States for development, as she showed great natural ability before the camera.

**ROYAL** While "Potash and THEATRE" Perlmutter, which is the Royal Theatre, is the first motion picture ever filmed, it contains one of the most dramatic situations ever seen on the screen. It is a murder mystery. There is a witness to the shooting, but he was unseen and he kept his silence, allowing an innocent man to go to jail for reasons of his own. He was present in the courtroom when the guilty man was being led to the gall. Then, with startling suddenness, the denouement which turned the tables and he himself found himself in Perlmutter's hands. The picture is from the pen of Montague Glass, the noted author, and was produced by Samuel Goldwyn for the First National. Barney Bernard is seen as Alex. Pook, and Alexander Carr as Morris Perlmutter.

**CAPITOL** The first Kenma production, "The Purple Highway," which is the Capitol Theatre, is the first motion picture ever filmed, it contains one of the most dramatic situations ever seen on the screen. It is a murder mystery. There is a witness to the shooting, but he was unseen and he kept his silence, allowing an innocent man to go to jail for reasons of his own. He was present in the courtroom when the guilty man was being led to the gall. Then, with startling suddenness, the denouement which turned the tables and he himself found himself in Perlmutter's hands. The picture is from the pen of Montague Glass, the noted author, and was produced by Samuel Goldwyn for the First National. Barney Bernard is seen as Alex. Pook, and Alexander Carr as Morris Perlmutter.

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**PANTAGES WILL HAVE SHOWS IN CHRISTMAS WEEK**

A triple headline bill is promised at the Pantages Theatre next week, featuring Robinson's Synopsators, Harmon and Sands and Evans. There will be two evening shows on Tuesday and a matinee and evening performance on Wednesday. Robinson's Synopsators, a musical organization of ten men, known as



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### AMUSEMENTS

**The Screen**  
**Capitol**—Madge Kennedy in "The Purple Highway."  
**Columbia**—"Lost and Found."  
**Domination**—"House Peters."  
**Royal**—"Potash and Perlmutter," featuring Barney Bernard and Alexander Carr.

"The original camp meeting orchestra," will offer an extensive programme that includes "symphonic melodies, weird jungle strains and merry tunes. Their instrumental numbers will be interspersed with songs and bits of comedy. Josephine Harmon and Georgia Sands, well known vaudeville comedienne, will appear in their latest offering, entitled "We and Us." A fast moving programme of comedy and melody songs, interspersed with a humorous line of cross-fire talk, is promised.

Evans, Mero and Evans call their number "Bits of Mark Twain." The well-known comedienne, saw her first parade in more than fifty years recently in New York. When Sousa was a boy he saw the grand review of the returning Union armies in Washington, his native city. Then he became director of the United States Marine Band, and his business became leading parades. Recently in New York, he occupied the reviewing stand with Mayor John F. Hylan for the parade which opened the New York Silver Jubilee Exposition. He saw more than sixty military, naval and municipal bands pass the reviewing stand, and with few exceptions they were playing Sousa marches. A few days later he was the guest of President Harding, in the reviewing stand at Washington, for the parade of Shriner who were in Washington for their annual convention. Sousa's Band will appear at the Royal Victoria, matinee and evening of Saturday, December 22.

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**HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" IN CHRISTMAS WEEK**

Famous Oratorio is Arranged to Be Given at Centennial Church on Friday Next

Mr. Jackson Hanby, director, and the members of the oratorio chorus singing Handel's "Messiah" at Centennial Church on Friday evening, December 22, deserve no small measure of credit for their presentation of the monumental work in only four rehearsals. Mr. Hanby stated to the press that he would ordinarily require three months to prepare such a concert. The arduous labor of every co-operating element has succeeded in making the unusual feat possible. While there are scores of people who know every line of "The Messiah" score almost perfectly, it is no small task to weld them into a compact and harmonious unit. The hundred or more voices composed of the organization are capable of rendering the great choruses of the work in a stirring fashion. Tickets for the concert are available at the music stores of Fletcher Brothers. Admission may also be secured at the church on Friday night.

**PANTOMIME IS AMBITIOUS SHOW WITH FINE TALENT**

In co-operation with the Gossage Chapter, I.O.D.E. Mr. R. E. Hincks is staging at the Royal Victoria Theatre a pantomime well known to young and old, "Peter Pan's Dream." As usual, Mr. Hincks has excelled himself in the brilliant way he is conducting this production. The excellent cast, good music and charming scenery will prove this beyond a doubt to Victoria audiences. Niall Smith takes the leading role as Peter Pan. This attractive young person is sure to fascinate young and old by his capable way she adjusts herself in her part.

Another ingenious and unique attraction is the bewitching little Scotch kiddle. This troupe will not only appeal to the juvenile mind, but to the grown-ups as well, and their clever dancing is sure to take the house by storm.

**Cyrus Curtis Buys N.Y. Evening Post**

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Philadelphia publisher, today purchased The New York Evening Post, one of the oldest afternoon papers in New York. The announcement was made after a stockholders' meeting.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 21.**—An east-bound Canadian National Railway freight train from Brockville for Montreal was derailed at 5 o'clock this morning at Dominion Station, six miles from Montreal, and the two main lines were blocked for more than three hours. No one was injured. Dominion Station was damaged. A broken axle on one of the cars caused the accident.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY IS VOTED BIG SUCCESS

Mim Clare Powell Presents Delightful Entertainment at Congregational Schoolroom

Tuneful singing, pretty dancing and good acting were the salient features of Mim Clare Powell's entertainment given in the Congregational Church Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, when, in addition to a delightful little sketch "About Fairies" and several other interesting items, Miss Powell presented "A Christmas Play." Folk lore songs, carols and nursery rhymes blended in perfect harmony with appropriate costumes and stage settings of the seventeenth century, and despite the fact that illness somewhat interfered with rehearsals, and one or two of the characters were understudied at the last moment, the performance was unhesitatingly voted a great success by all who were present.

Mrs. S. Powell, of Brentwood, created much amusement when, in characteristic style, she gave "Chinaman," Little Julia Meighen, as "Queen of the Fairies," gave a delightful portrayal and was ably assisted with other small fairies and some clever lighting effects by Mr. Howell. The sketch, "About Fairies," was one of the prettiest things seen for a long time. The children all through provided excellent material, it would be difficult to have found more capable artists than Mrs. Walker and Mr. Ashfield Walker in their respective parts as Mistress LeStrange and John, an old retainer. Mr. Turner, who took the part of Farmer Vokes at short notice, on being requested to give his experience of a visit to London, showed conclusively that he was not so "green" as he looked. Miss W. Scowcroft and Mrs. Knight both looked and acted excellently well, while the "quality" was ably represented by Miss A. Kyndler, Miss D. Blumel Thom and Mr. Crowell, the latter in the leading role of Leonard LeStrange.

Thanks and congratulations are due to Mrs. Curtis for her able assistance as costumer; Mr. Bartholomew, for his antiquaries; and Messrs. Walker, Oard and Hime, for their valuable help in bringing the entertainment to a successful issue.

In addition to acting as general manager, Mim Clare Powell gave further evidence of her versatility by singing several pretty songs, dancing in most approved style, and last, but not least, she acted as emcee, giving a most interesting short address on "Folk Lore Songs." It will be remembered that Miss Powell introduced many of these at her earlier concerts, and she is still doing much to popularize the old melodies.

## UNEARTH GANG OF PAY CHEQUE FORGERS

Three Arrests in Chicago Made in Connection With \$100,000 Plot to Defraud

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—As a result of the seizure today of Jack McElroy, said to have been a former industrial worker of the World involved in war-time strikes, his wife and another man, the police are searching for other members of a large band engaged in counterfeiting and forging Pennsylvania Railroad pay cheques. Approximately \$100,000 of the bogus cheques have been cashed, although police had reported capture of the ring leaders in a \$100,000 plot.

Railroad detectives have records of \$7,500 of the cheques being cashed in Gary, Ind.; South Chicago and other Calumet industrial districts. Pennsylvania Railroad has lost nothing, the loss falling on merchants and others who cashed the cheques.

## Leipsic Astronomers Seek Overdue Comet

LEIPZIG, Germany, Dec. 21.—Astronomers at Leipzig University are searching the heavens for the overdue comet, already considerably overdue on its periodical visit. The comet was named in honor of Heinrich

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rich of Arrest, of the Leipzig Observatory, who discovered it in 1831. It appeared every six or seven years alternately thereafter until 1917, when it was not seen. It is due again this year, but is still missing.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DOCTORS**

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Judge Anderson, in a memorandum handed down in a Federal court today ruled that Christian Science practitioners have a civil and property right to have their cards included in the directory of practitioners published in the Christian Science Journal, subject to control by authorized church officials acting for the good of the church and not for personal reasons. The ruling was made in the suit brought by Mrs. Catherine Allen, of Phoenix, Arizona, against the directors of the church and the trustees of the Christian Science Publication Society.

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# The Colonist's Pictorial Page



Oh, Mr. Gallagher! A new member was added to the vaudeville team of Gallagher and Shean, famous before the footlights, when the inevitable (so the courts say) Gallagher married Ann Luther, screen beauty.



Lady Robert Peel, one of England's best known society women, is coming to America with the London Review of 1924. The members of the show run the social scale from the wife of a baronet to a young beauty who served drinks in a tavern.



Two years ago Mary Philbin was a runner-up in a beauty contest, and to-day she is regarded as one of the most promising screen actresses. She was elevated to stardom in a recent production.



Here are Crown Prince Charles of Rumania and his wife, the former Princess Helen of Greece. The couple plan to leave Europe in the spring, and visit this continent from coast to coast.



Anton Lang, who plays the role of Christ in the "Passion Play" held at Oberammergau, has recently arrived with his company in New York. This unusual photograph shows Anton Lang and his family at home around the evening supper table.



This imported Palm Beach suit was one of the many extremely smart garments displayed at the Dance and Fashion Promenade held in New York recently.



The "Main Street" state is now leading the world in the fight on eyesores. Following the new Minnesota law prohibiting advertising signs, on state trunk highways, workmen are shown tearing down small tin tags to huge billboards.



Even in home life, Nick Altrock, celebrated baseball comedian, cannot refrain from his monkeyshines. He is shown on the links in Washington, bound to make his shot if he has to use a change of form to do so.



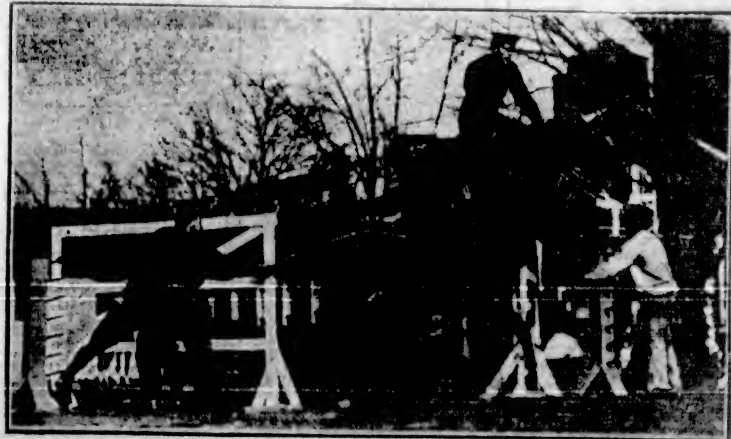
The famous Edna Goodrich, well-known American actress, and one of the many wives of Nat Goodrich, has decided she will go back to the stage again. She is preparing for her debut in the French capital.



Miss Allyn King, noted stage star, is soon to marry Carl Weidemann, owner of "In Memoriam." This report reveals a nine-year romance which started when Weidemann was a student at Yale.



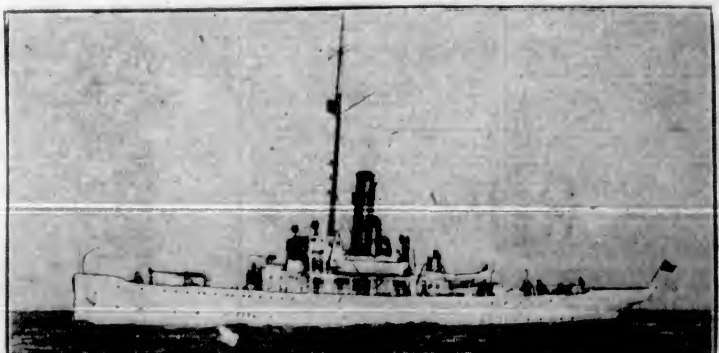
Senator Hiram Johnson is pictured at his New York campaign headquarters as he listened over the radio to President Coolidge's first message to Congress, which was broadcast all over the country.



A trooper of the U.S. cavalry goes "over the top" at Fort Myer, Virginia, at an exhibition of roughriding given for the benefit of the Army Relief Society. How would you like to be one of the two lads at the right?



Viola Dana, well-known screen comedienne, dressed herself to represent Rudolph Valentino, and danced the Argentine tango with her sister, Shirley Mason, at an actors' fund benefit staged in Los Angeles.



New England, not to be outdone by New Jersey, has her ruin row, but it has been kept most of the time outside of the twelve-mile limit. The photograph shows a U.S. coast-guard cutter keeping a vigilant watch.











"3. Permits to be issued by the board, and all liquors, including beer, to be sold only to holders of permits. Full powers of cancellation to be granted to the board without appeal.

"4. Beer to be sold in sealed packages for consumption in residences to holders of permits, details of such sale and delivery to residents to be registered by order of the board.

"**'s. Theale of beer by bottle of glass for consumption on the premises limited to premises especially licensed for that purpose, such premises to be licensed in conformity to strict regulations of the board; no such licences to be granted to restaurants nor to dining-rooms of hotels. Wide powers will be given the board in granting and controlling such licences.**"

"**'s. Local option—The location of vendors' stores and the granting of licences to premises for the sale of beer for consumption on the premises as per clause five to be subject to certain local option provisions.**"

"**'s. The act shall be so construed as to permit the board, as defined by the act will be permitted to sell beer to members subject to regulation by the board."**

"6. Local option.—The location of vendors' stores and the granting of licenses to premises for the sale of beer for consumption on the premises as per clause five to be subject to certain local option provisions.

"7. Clubs.—Bona fide clubs as defined by the act will be permitted to sell beer to members subject to regulation by the board."

### Hotelmen Satisfied

CALGARY, Dec. 21.—Hotelmen of Alberta are perfectly satisfied with the draft of the new liquor act, as announced by Premier Greenfield through the press tonight, Harry W. Lunney, legal representative of the Hotelmen's Association of Alberta, stated tonight. Officials of the Moderation League of Alberta, while stating that the Government has with

out doubt formed a good basis for the new act, were not inclined to be too enthusiastic. "I would like to see just how it is going to be elaborated upon before giving any final opinion," S. W. Gilfoy, chairman of the general committee of the Moderation League, said tonight.

**COMES FOR REPAIRS**

The chartered oil tanker, Lompo, at present discharging fuel oil at Vancouver, will arrive at Esquimalt tomorrow for survey and repairs.

the hands of Yarrows, Limited. The Lompoc is a single screw vessel of 7,270 tons gross. She is owned by the Beer Creek Oil & Shipping Company, Limited, of San Francisco.

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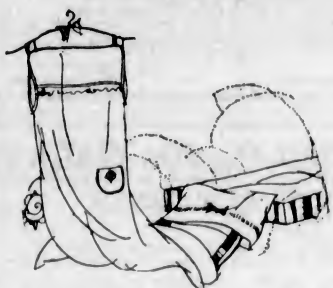
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## Gift Lingerie for Women Many Remarkable Values



Satin or Crepe de Chine Camisoles, made with straps or built-up shoulders, and trimmed with French lace and flowers. Specially attractive values at ..... **\$3.00**  
Camisoles of Crepe de Chine and satin, in many new styles and colors. **\$1.75**  
**\$1.00, \$2.50**  
Camisoles of Habutai Silk, pink, white, orchid, blue, navy, and black. Special at ..... **\$1.25**  
Underskirts of a superior grade Oriental satin, and shown in all the popular shades. Each ..... **\$4.90**  
Gowns of heavy crepe de Chine, in attractive colors. New styles, trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. Big values. **\$8.75** to ..... **\$9.50**  
Envelope Chemises of heavy crepe de Chine, in white and colors. They are trimmed with dainty French laces, rosettes, and ribbons ..... **\$5.75, \$6.75** and **\$7.90**  
Nightgowns of cream nun's veiling, trimmed with broadened satin ribbons, at ..... **\$6.50**  
Underskirts of best grade English chifon taffeta, in shot effects and fancy stripes. Each ..... **\$5.75**  
Underskirts of silk moire and art silk; all colors and sizes. Each ..... **\$4.50** and **\$5.75**  
—Whitehall, 1st Floor

## Gifts for Baby

That Mothers Will Appreciate

Infants' Silk and Wool Coats at ..... **\$1.00**  
Hand-Made Coats, trimmed with crocheted edging in silk and ribbons at ..... **\$1.25**  
Infants' Sweater Coats in pull-over style; white and colors. **\$2.75** and **\$3.50**  
Babies' Coats of silk and wool. Will not shrink. Special value at ..... **98¢**  
Coat Sets of heavy English wool, double breasted styles in flare effect; cap to match. Shades white, rose and blue. Each set ..... **\$7.50**  
Coats of white wool, made in tuxedo style and fastened with satin ribbons ..... **\$1.25**  
Wool Gaiters, with strap, made in fancy styles. A large assortment to select from ..... **50¢, 75¢** and **\$1.00**  
Wool Bonnets, knitted and crocheted. Many neat styles. **75¢**  
**\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75**  
All-Wool Honeycomb Shawls, medium weight, and finished with heavy fringe; assorted sizes, at ..... **\$1.75** to **\$7.50**  
Shawls of pure wool and silk, fancy patterns; large sizes, **\$5.00, \$6.50** and **\$8.75**  
"Jiffy" Pants, in white and champagne shades; all sizes. Pair, **35¢**  
"Kiddy Kumfy" Pants of sanitary rubber and finished with binding of self. All sizes. Pair, **50¢**  
Dolls' "Jiffy" Pants, of rubber. A pair ..... **15¢**  
—Infants', 1st Floor

## Christmas Gift Sweaters Special for Today

Cardigan Sweaters, of medium weight and made of brushed wool. These have two pockets and fasten with six buttons. The shades are grey and fawn. Special, each ..... **\$4.95**  
Pull-Over Sweaters with V-neck, two pockets and tie belts. These are in plain shades and stripe effects. Special value at ..... **\$4.95**  
—Sweaters, 1st Floor



## Gift Hosiery

For Women and Children

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, with extra long leg; double hemmed top. Shades fawn, blue and green mixtures. Pair, **\$1.50**  
Women's Silk Thread Hose, strong quality, with elastic lisle tops; reinforced toes and heels. Shades white, black, brown, pearl grey, nude, otter, heaver, camel and dove. A pair ..... **\$2.00**  
Women's Silk Clocked Hose, with mercerized lisle tops; reinforced toes and heels. At a pair ..... **\$2.50**  
Children's three-quarter length Silk and Wool Hose, plain knit with fancy rib tops; double apliced heels and toes. Black, cadet, sand and canary. A pair ..... **98¢**  
Women's Pure Silk Hose, full fashioned and with lace close, double garter hem and reinforced feet. Shades grey, beige, black and brown. A pair ..... **\$4.75**  
Women's sheer finish lustrous Silk Hose. Black, white, navy, camel, sand, grey and polo. Pair ..... **98¢**  
Boys' English Golf Hose, with fancy tops. Shades black, navy, brown, grey. Sizes 7 to 9½. Excellent wearing hose, priced according to size. **65¢** to **\$1.25**  
Women's Out-Size Black Cashmere Hose, seamless throughout and with extra large leg. Sizes 9, 9½ and 10. Special value, at a pair ..... **98¢**  
Boys' All-Wool Golf Hose, with turn-over tops, wide rib. Penman's brand. Brown, grey and lovat mixtures. A pair ..... **98¢**  
Silk fibre half and three-quarter length, black, sand, sky, pink and canary. A pair ..... **50¢**  
—Hosiery, Main Floor



## A Special Offering of Christmas Gift Blouses

Tricotee Over-Blouses, in dropstitch or fancy weave, designed with round neck, short sleeves and side tie, and in shades of sand, flesh, black or mauve ..... **\$2.50**  
Tricotee Over-Blouses in dropstitch or fancy weave, with three-quarter sleeves, round, square or Peter Pan necks. The shades are red, brown or navy ..... **\$3.98**  
Over-Blouses of crepe de Chine or Georgette, designed with short sleeves, round or square necks. They are trimmed with beads, hemstitching or lace, and finished with band at waist or tie at sides. Shades, mauve, Nile, canary, nigger, grey, paddy, taupe and cerise ..... **\$3.98**  
—Blouses, 1st Floor

## Children's Navy Serge and Flannel Dresses

All-Wool Navy Serge Dresses, in assorted styles, trimmed with colored stitching or braid. These are for the ages of 8 to 14 years, and are excellent value at **\$4.95, \$5.95** and ..... **\$7.50**  
Flannel Dresses, in low waist effect, with pleated skirt attached to bodice and bloomers to match. The shades are red, navy and saxe. For the ages of 6 to 14 years. Special values **\$5.75**  
—Children's, 1st Floor

## Hand-Knitted Shetland Wraps, \$4.75

These are cosy wraps knitted from a fine Shetland. Made in shades of white, fawn, grey, black and other popular colors. One would make a hand some gift for a lady, young or old. Each ..... **\$4.75**  
—Main Floor

## Girls' Blanket Cloth Coats Special Value \$9.75 and \$12.95

Blanket Cloth Coats for girls, some designed in loose back style, with side fastening, others with belt and patch pockets. The shades prominent are brown, blue, green and fawn. The coats are trimmed with fur collars and are suitable for the ages of 6 to 14 years. Special ..... **\$9.75**  
Blanket Cloth Coats in a light brown shade, made in plain tailored effects with patch pockets, belt and inverted pleat in back. These are for the ages of 8 to 14 years. Selling for **\$9.75** and ..... **\$12.75**  
—Children's, 1st Floor

## Damask Cloths and Napkins



## Make the Christmas Table as White as Snow—Ideal Gifts

New Damask Cloths in All Sizes

1½ yards square, various designs. Each ..... **\$2.00**  
2 Yards square, various designs. Special, each ..... **\$4.75** and **\$3.95**  
2 Yards by 2½ yards, various designs. Special, each ..... **\$5.75** and **\$4.50**  
The designs include tulip and lily of the valley, rose, carnation, fern leaf and shamrock.  
Table Napkins to match, per dozen, **\$5.75** and ..... **\$4.50**

## A Special Purchase of Double Damask Pure Irish Linen Cloths and Napkins

Handsome designs, in fern, rose, lily, chrysanthemum.  
Dinner Cloths, 2 yards square. Big value, each, **\$7.50**  
Dinner Cloths, 2 yards x 2½ yards. Big value, each, **\$8.50**  
Dinner Cloths, 2 yards x 3 yards. Big value, each, **\$11.50**  
Dinner Napkins, a dozen, **\$10.95** and **\$8.75**

## A Damask Linen Set

A handsome gift—one tablecloth and napkins to match.  
A cloth 2 yards square and 6 napkins, **\$6.50, \$7.50** and **\$12.50**  
A cloth, 2 yards by 2½ yards long and 6 napkins, **\$7.00, \$8.75** and **\$15.00**  
A cloth 2 yards by 3 yards and 6 napkins, **\$15.50, \$17.50** and **\$21.00**  
—Linen, Main Floor

## Women's Fibre Silk Vests and Bloomers For Gifts

Fibre Silk Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knee. They are reinforced with double gusset and are heavy weight. Shades rose, navy, mauve and pink; sizes 36 to 42. A pair ..... **\$2.75**

Women's Fibre Silk Vests, opera top with sleeves, mauve and white. Also silk top with opera and shaped straps; flesh and white. All sizes for ..... **\$1.95**  
—Knit Underwear, 1st Floor

## MERCHANTS' LUNCH Special Today 50c

Essence of Tomato or Thick Mock Turtle  
Fried Fillet of Cod—Tartare Sauce—Boiled Salmon—Hollandaise  
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Brussels Sprouts  
Roast, Brown or Steamed Potatoes  
Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce  
Hot Mince Pie—Christmas Cake  
Coffee, Milk or Tea  
—3rd Floor



## Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves

Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves, in the newest styles, with wide flare, reversible cuffs in beautiful embroidered effects, in plain and contrasting colors. Two-tone embroidered back. These are perfect fitting gloves, in brown, chamois, mode and grey. Values of worth, at **\$1.95** and ..... **\$2.25**  
Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves, with reversible cuffs, fastening with strap that encircles the wrist. They have a four-row embroidery in two-tone effects. Very serviceable gloves, in brown, sand, natural and black. Pair ..... **\$1.50**  
—Gloves, Main Floor

## Gifts in the Art Needlework Department

Vanity Cases, filled with compact powder, rouge and separate puffs, also some with lip stick, **90¢, \$1.25, \$1.50**  
Compact Powder, in dainty colored satin and metallic cloth-covered boxes **65¢, 75¢** and ..... **\$1.25**  
Vanity Purses, fitted with eyebrow pencil, lip stick, mirror and two powder puffs, with individual pockets. They are covered with satin, metallic cloth and metallic lace. Each, **\$2.40, \$2.75** and ..... **\$3.00**  
Powder Stick and Mirror on stick to match, **\$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.15, \$1.35** and ..... **\$1.95**  
Puff Bags, made of taffeta silks or satin; shades, peach, rose, saxe or two-tone effects, **60¢, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.40** and at ..... **\$2.75**  
—1st Floor

## Fleecy Flannelette DRESSING GOWNS \$4.95



Dressing Gowns for women, made of fleecy flannelette. A practicable and acceptable gift at a very moderate price. They are shown in such shades as navy, red, grey, turquoise, saxe blue, lavender and pink. The gowns are trimmed on cuffs and collars with satin, and finished at waist with a wool cord girdle. Sizes 16 to 42 ..... **\$4.95**  
—Mantle Department, 1st Floor

## Small Rugs, Ideal for Christmas Gifts

We are offering a large selection of high-grade small Rugs that are decidedly suitable for home gifts.  
Tientsin Rugs, beautiful Chinese productions.  
Size 3 ft. x 6 ft. .... **\$31.00**  
Size 3 ft. x 5 ft. .... **\$26.00**  
Beluchistan Rugs, 2 ft. 7 in. x 4 ft. 6 in., each ..... **\$26.50**  
3 ft. 6 in. x 5 ft. 3 in. .... **\$36.50**  
2 ft. 3 in. x 4 ft. 6 in. .... **\$32.50**  
Axminster Rugs, in mottled designs, 27 x 54 in., each ..... **\$3.00**  
Jute Rugs, 27 x 54, a large selection ..... **\$1.85**  
Mohair Rugs; shades, green, blue, brown, grey and biscuit, 12 in. x 30 in. .... **\$2.25**  
18 x 36 in. .... **\$4.50**  
24 x 48 in. .... **\$6.95**  
30 x 60 in. .... **\$11.75**  
Wilton Rugs, 27 x 54 in., at ..... **\$6.95**  
36 x 63 in. .... **\$14.75**  
Axminster Rugs, attractive designs, 27 x 54 in., **\$5.00**  
36 x 63 in., each ..... **\$8.95**  
—Carpet, 3rd Floor

## Burnt Leather Goods Ideal Gifts

Book Covers at, each, **\$1.10**  
to ..... **\$1.25**  
Tie Racks at, each, **45¢**  
to ..... **\$1.95**  
Needle Books at, each, **25¢**  
Bags at, each, **30¢, 40¢, 60¢** and ..... **79¢**  
Pouches at, each, **65¢, 75¢, 90¢** and ..... **\$1.00**  
Collar Boxes at, each, **\$1.50**  
to ..... **\$1.65**  
Photo Frames at, each, **70¢, 80¢** and ..... **\$1.00**  
Gloves Cases at ..... **\$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25** and **\$1.45**  
Indian Dolls at, each, **\$1.35**  
Handkerchief Cases at, each, **\$1.00, \$1.19, \$1.49** and ..... **\$1.60**  
Pipe Cases at, each, **40¢, 98¢** and ..... **\$2.00**  
Match Holders at, each, **65¢** and ..... **75¢**  
Phone Pads at, each, **40¢**  
Shaving Pads at, each, **30¢, 40¢** and ..... **49¢**  
Gun and Case at, each, **75¢**  
Scissors Holders at, each, **30¢, 60¢** and ..... **65¢**  
Whisk Holders at, each, **80¢** and ..... **90¢**  
Papooses at, each, **60¢**  
—Art Needlework Dept., 1st Floor

## Children's Toques, Capes and Scarves, Very Dainty

Children's White and Colored Knitted Toques, finished with pompon on top; camel and white, for the ages of 4 to 10 years. ..... **85¢** to **\$1.00**  
Children's All-Wool Knitted Capes, white or blue, trimmed with white; pink trimmed with white, and finished with collar, cord and tassel. For the ages of 5 to 8 ..... **\$3.50**  
Children's Scarves, camel, brown and white; finished with fringe and suitable for the ages of 6 to 12, **\$1.00** and **\$1.85**  
—1st Floor

## Novelty Shopping Bags for Gifts

Useful gifts, also handy to carry your smaller parcels.  
Novelty Handbags, made of block print cretonnes, attractively lined, and fitted with metal handles ..... **\$1.95**  
Novelty Bags of black leatherette, lined with chintz; a waterproof bag. Each ..... **\$1.95**  
Novelty Bags, made of good cretonnes, lined with plain fabrics and fitted with metal handles ..... **\$1.35**  
—Drapery, 2nd Floor